GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:611
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2003
GAUGE CONVERSION
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of the gauge conversion projects which were announced in the last two railway budget speeches has been started;

(b) if so, the details of the ongoing projects; and

(c) the reasons of delay in starting the work on remaining projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.611 BY SHRI JAS\ SINGH BISHNOI TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.7.2003 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a) No new gauge conversion project was announced in the last two Railway budget speeches.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Work on the following ongoing gauge conversion projects is yet to be physically taken up:

Project	Present status
1.Pipar Road-Bilara	Detailed survey has been completed and estimate is under process of sanction. Tenders for earthwork and bridges have also been processed.
2.Sriganganagar-Sarupsar	Requisite clearances have been obtained. Preliminary arrangements like detailed survey and preparation of plan and estimate has been taken up.
3.Rewari-sadulpur	Detailed survey has been completed and the estimate is under process of sanction.
4.Bhildi-Samdari	This project is being executed under National Rail Vikas Yojana. Tenders for earthwork, bridges etc. for part length have been processed